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SUBJECT: US COAL TECHNOLOGY

1. IN RESPONSE TO MINISTRY OF MINES INQUIRY COMMUNICATED TO US BY BEWT MARKET RESEARCH OFFICER HELEN RAFFEL CONCERNING DOCUMENTATION OF U.S. PROCESS FOR COAL LIQUEFACTION AND GASIFICATION, PAPERS DESCRIBING RECENT U.S. ACTIVITY IN COAL RESEARCH BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY.

2. ACCORDING TO ENERGY RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ADMIN. CONTACT, AS YET NO COMMERCIAL COAL GASIFICATION PLANTS BASED ON U.S. PROCESSES ARE IN OPERATION. GERMAN LURGI PROCESS CURRENTLY SOLE PROCESS AVAILABLE COMMERCIALY.

3. WE ASSUME THAT TERM "COKING OF PREHEATED CHARGES" REFERS TO PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF COKING COAL WHICH INVOLVES PREHEATING COKING COAL BEFORE CHARGING FURNACES. THE "COALTEK PROCESS" HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY U.S. FIRM ALLIED CHEMICAL AND FRENCH FIRM CHERCHAR, AND HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY INSTALLED IN A NUMBER OF U.S. STEEL PLANTS.

4. BEWT/TDAD WILL BE PLEASED TO FOLLOW UP ON ANY FURTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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